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MEMORANDUM FOR: DTR

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SUBJECT : [REDACTED]

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After discussions with [REDACTED] of CI/PG and instructor personnel at the project, plus discussions with [REDACTED] and Ernie [REDACTED] it is my opinion that OTR should not assume responsibility for taking over Project [REDACTED]. Quite apart from the question as to whether or not the project should be continued in some form, it seems to me that there is no gain to OTR and its interests in assuming responsibility for the undertaking. Since [REDACTED] is an overt enterprise, there would seem to be no secure means for relating its activities and facilities to those of Covert Training. By its very nature, [REDACTED] precludes a tie-in with Covert Training programs and its personnel. Were OTR to take over the project, we would find ourselves in the position of having a large scale administrative matter on our hands with no tangible advantages for training missions we are directly charged with. Thus, we would only be a holding organization for the effort. Since it would, nevertheless, require attention and support, we would presumably find ourselves in the peculiar position of having to promote the programs of [REDACTED] to those elements of the Agency which, at the present time, do not find any specific use for the enterprise. Since OTR is essentially a support service, I do not think it would be appropriate for us to assume an activity which was originally designed to meet the substantive needs of other elements of the Agency.

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